



**MAKE THE PUTT**

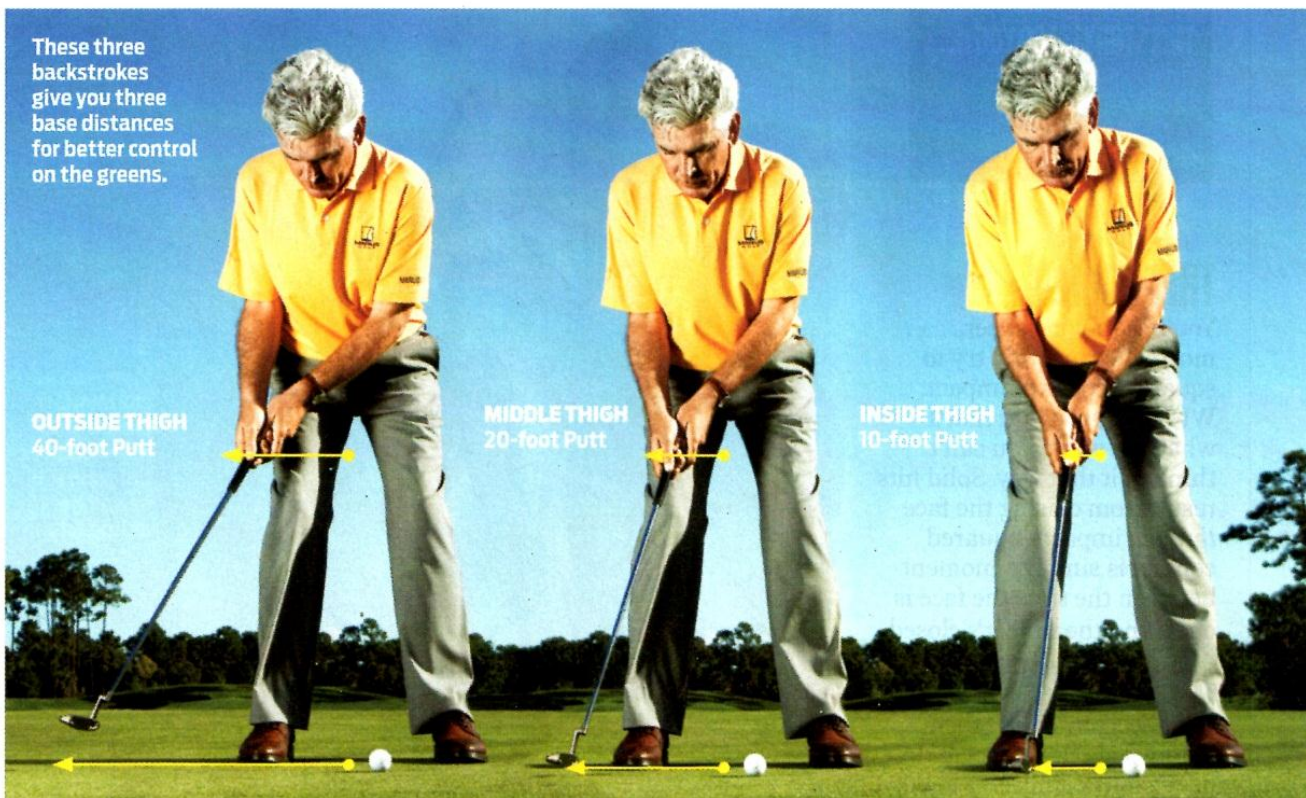
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# ROLL IT THE RIGHT LENGTH

*Build an inventory of three strokes to take the guesswork out of distance control*



These three backstrokes give you three base distances for better control on the greens.

**OUTSIDE THIGH**  
40-foot Putt

**MIDDLE THIGH**  
20-foot Putt

**INSIDE THIGH**  
10-foot Putt

## THIS STORY IS FOR YOU IF...

1. YOU DON'T PUTT WELL FROM LONG DISTANCE.
2. ACTUALLY, YOU DON'T PUTT WELL FROM ANY DISTANCE.

## TRY THIS!

If you're having problems rolling the ball the exact distance you need, give the following drill a try. It's a quick and easy way to build an inventory of stroke lengths that will allow you to putt the ball three unique distances, so you'll be better prepared to roll the ball close during your round.

### Step 1: Roll It 40 Feet

Hit the practice green with a small bucket of balls. Get into your regular stance, and roll a few putts by taking your hands back to just outside your right thigh [left image, above] and then motoring through at your best putting-stroke pace. Notice how this stroke rolls the ball about 40 feet (you may roll it longer or shorter depending on your stance width and tempo).

### Step 2: Roll It 20 Feet

Roll a few more, but this time stop your hands when they reach the middle of your right thigh in your backstroke. Make sure your stance width is the same as the one you used for the first round of putts, and that you apply the same

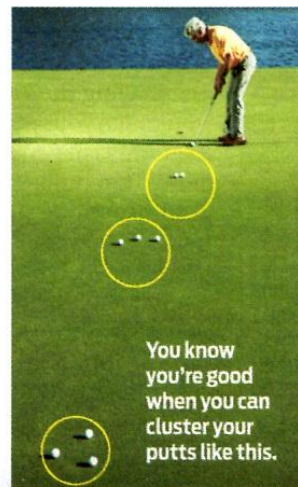
pace and force to your stroke. This stroke should roll the ball about 20 feet.

### Step 3: Roll It 10 Feet

Repeat the drill, but this time stop your stroke when your hands swing back to the inside of your right thigh. Again, use the same stance width and tempo. If you did it correctly, these should roll about 10 feet.

*Voilà!* Three strokes that you can count on to roll the ball three common distances, which is probably three more than you have right now. Make this drill a regular part of your practice (you should be able to create three nice clusters of putts once you get good at it). If you need to roll the ball longer or shorter, simply widen

your stance (for longer putts) or bring your feet closer together (for shorter putts), but continue to apply the same stroke lengths: Outside thigh, middle thigh, inside thigh.



You know you're good when you can cluster your putts like this.



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